

him worth converting by his vigorous
and some-
what naive methods. ^x

As Cluny stood for Innocent under
the leadership of Peter, so the Cistercian order
was for him
under the guidance of Bernard. The
latter was
now some thirty-nine years old; it was
seventeen
years since, leaving Citeaux, he had
founded and
become Abbot of Clairvaux on the Aube,
the famous
eldest daughter of the mother-
community of
the Cistercians, St. Bernard is in
commanding
personality to the Church of the
twelfth century
what Hildebrand was to that of the
eleventh, The
impulse of Cluniac ideals was as strong
in him as
in their first champions. His character
combined
gifts rarely united: a talent for affairs;
an un-
shrinking audacity in the cause at
issue; a pro-
found contemplative verness; a saintliness
that burned
inwardly and shone out of him.
Insignificant
and meagre in person, his looks would
have re-
pelled had not a peculiar brightness
animated his
face with its red-gold hair and beard
and given
him the aspect of transfigured holiness,
The ardent desire of the Abbot of
Clairvaux was
to see the Church placed upon an
awful eminence
of power and authority, united, purified,
free from
secular chains, but only that it might

fulfil a great
purpose and a perfect moral
leadership. There-
fore, he never shrank from speaking
truth to the
Papal lord whom like all Cluniacs he
desired to see
unquestioned Head of the Church, "
Remember,"

¹ LjtrS, *ffistoire IMt&mim* & *Francs, i, adii.*, pp,
417,492.